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**JACKSON: YUNUS REMOVAL IS DIRECT ATTACK ON CIVIL SOCIETY**

Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee's State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee and a long-time supporter of microcredit programs, today issued the following statement:

"I am deeply concerned about the government of Bangladesh's recent actions to remove Nobel Peace Prize winner Professor Muhammad Yunus, the father of microcredit, as managing director of Grameen Bank. The independent board of Grameen Bank should select the managing director without interference or pressure from the government. While serving as the managing director of Grameen Bank, Professor Yunus has been instrumental in reducing poverty and in helping his country progress towards achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. The Bangladeshi government's actions represent a direct attack on its civil society and could reverse its progress in achieving development goals."

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